



## News Release

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### **CH2M HILL Hanford Group and CBC announce major grant**

CH2M HILL Hanford Group President and General Manager Fran DeLozier and Columbia Basin College President Lee Thornton today announced the largest corporate donation ever given to the college at a news conference on the CBC campus. An endowment of \$2 million over the next six years will be used to support an information technology center in the college's Workforce Training Center.

"An unrestricted grant like this is every college president's dream," said CBC President Lee Thornton. "An unrestricted grant allows us to use the money wherever the college's needs are greatest."

The grant will start the CH2M HILL Hanford Group Endowment, a fund that will be used to further the Workforce Training Center's mission of economic development in the Tri-Cities community. "The Workforce Training Center is rapidly becoming a center for technology training in the Mid-Columbia. CH2M HILL's support in this effort creates a partnership that will benefit our community long into the future," said Thornton.

"This grant continues our strategy of supporting the Department of Energy and TRIDEC's efforts to grow the Tri-Cities technology industry by building a resource that will attract firms to the area," said CH2M HILL's DeLozier. "And we're very pleased to be able to provide the college with the support it needs."

CH2M HILL Hanford Group's economic development efforts are aimed at promoting job growth through support for entrepreneurs and grants for technology-based education and assistance. As the Department of Energy Office of River Protection prime contractor, CH2M HILL Hanford Group is responsible for storing and treating approximately 53 million gallons of highly radioactive and hazardous waste stored in 177 underground tanks at DOE's Hanford Site.

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